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1. DESPITE LENGTH, EMBASSY IS TRANSMITTING SEPTTEL NEWSWEEK SENIOR EDITOR ARNAUD DEBORCHGRAVE'S VERSION OF HIS JUNE 8 INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE. TEXT CONSTITUTES FRANKEST AND MOST BALANCED STATEMENT GSDR VIEWS ON HORN OF AFRICA AND RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION WHICH WE HAVE SEEN IN RECENT WEEKS, AND BEARS CLOSE EXAMINATION FOR DIRECTION AND NUANCES GSDR'S APPROACH TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CONFIDENTIAL

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POLICY PROBLEMS IT IS FACING.

2. TEXT MAKES CLEAR THAT, IN FINAL ANALYSIS, GSDR MEASURES DEPTH ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH THIRD COUNTRIES BY DEGREE TO WHICH THEY LINE UP ON SOMALI SIDE ETHIO-SOMALI DISPUTE. IN CONTEXT, THIS MAY EXPLAIN WHY CUBANS TRAINING SOMALI MILITIA "HAVE NOW LEFT", AS

SIAD ALLEGES (WE DOUBT THIS). BUT THIS IS NOT SAME THING AS SAYING THAT GSDR HAS WRITTEN OFF SOVIETS. TEXT ALSO MAKES CLEAR THAT GSDR STILL HAS HOPES THAT COL. MENGISTU'S REGIME WILL NOT LAST MUCH LONGER IN ETHIOPIA AND THAT SOVIET UNION WILL RETURN ITS AFFECTIONS AND FAVORS ONCE MORE TO ONLY STABLE AND TRUE SOCIALIST REGIME IN HORN, NAMELY GSDR. DID SOMALI DEFENSE MINISTER SAMANTAR RETURN FROM MOSCOW LAST WEEK WITH ANY NEW PROPOSALS FOR GSDR? THAT'S "STATE SECRET", SAID SIAD.

3. FOR US, INTERVIEW UNDERLINES LIMITS WHICH SIAD'S IRRIDENTISM AND SOVIET PREFERENCES IMPOSE ON OUR POLICY OPTIONS AT THIS TIME.

4. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO RESPECT CONFIDENTIALITY DEBORCHGRAVE/AMBASSADOR CONTACTS.
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